

Draft MINUTES

Speaker: Angelika Hedley, Fall garden preparations.

- Soil is 5% compostable organics, water 25%; air 25%; clay/sand 45% (sb @ 50:50 mix).
- El Nina expected this winter
- Get rid of garbage; things that don't compost (i.e. stringy iris, crocosmia, day lilies); rust; black spot;
- Hydrogen peroxide spray in the spring for black spot
- 2 parts skim milk + 1 water spritz on roses and other plants to get rid of black spot (mold)
- Let vegetation fall now, as cover, and will become compost for the spring
- Wildflower gardens, let it reseed itself
- Leave roots in the soil - to compost, hold the soil, roots rot into air channels
- Winter planters: evergreens; tulips, roses will last outside, with foliage removed, because it's cool outside
- Planter tip – put empty 4" flower pots in the planter in place. When violas, primulas, etc. are available, pop those 4" pots in place, leaving the original pot in place. When they freeze, replace.
- Begonias, fuchsias – bring into the garage. Cut fuchsias to the pot edge.
- Put evergreen branches on plants you don't want crushed under the weight of the snow
- Roses – cut down 1/3rd in December. In March after last frost, half again. Prune out dead, diseased, crossing. Add alfalfa for soil health.
- Cass Turnbull 'Guide to Pruning'. The trick to pruning is 'how' not 'when'. Take off 25-33%. More than that, you'll get water shoots.
- Winter flowering shrubs: Mahonia cross 'Charity' (Nov- Feb), Heavenly bamboo, 'Nadina' (toxic), Camelia 'Sasanqua' (now- June), Pieris Japonica (Feb-May), Witchhazel Hamamelis (Feb-April), Vibernum badnantense or davidii (May), Heathers (March), Jasmine nudifolium (Dec-Feb), Sarcococca r. (Dec-Mar), Hellebore (Feb-May).

Langley Field Naturalists donated a book. Draw winner Margaret Mubanda

1. **Call to Order: 2:35 PM**
2. **Adoption of Agenda: M/S/C**
3. **Adoption of Minutes: from September 16, 2024 M/S/C**
4. **Reports:**

President: Wilf Broderick

- Elected 1st Vice President
- Single form of membership – defeated, returned to Table Officers for further evaluation
- COSCO – motion for branches to continue membership, defeated, returned to Table Officers for further evaluation

Vice President: Robin Rutherford – no report

Secretary: Carol Paulson

- re: the Federal dental plan – anyone that had access to dental plans are not eligible for the federal plan, even if they did not sign up.

Treasurer: Lu Gaudet

- Bank balance \$5356.71; closing \$5240.04
- We have 31 NDO. Central Office has offered to collect these dues, however our Membership Secretary has opted to continue to collect directly from members. Can members do e-transfers instead? Treasurer to confirm.
- Budget and financial statement must be sent to by December 9

- 2 volunteers needed to do a review of the Branch financials. Let us know at the November meeting
- Potential bank account, Coast Capital, Van-City, in January – RBC sent our bank account statements to Chilliwack, removed our signing authority, and assigned the officers in Chilliwack. New signing officers will be determined at the Branch annual meeting is Nov 18. Branch elections will be Nov 18 2024, exec installed in December, and start duties in January.
- Honorariums – 2 branches have been giving themselves honorariums. Central Office has offered to all branches.

Membership: Janice Leonard

- 704 total, 5 new members, 2 transferred out, 1 deceased

Merchandising: Janice Leonard – samples available at the meeting

Lost & found: 2 items

Newsletter: Janice Leonard – last letter was July 11, included links for discounts for affiliate partners. New feature in the October newsletter is ‘Seniors get it done in the summer heat’

Phoning: Chris Roberts – no report

Good and Welfare: Surrindar Angl via - 1 card mailed

Walking Group: Benita Antonio

- o Wednesday, October 30 at Reiffel Refuge
- o Can car pool drivers submit mileage for reimbursement, or is this only for branch meetings? ANSWER: At this time, we will be reimbursing milage only for Branch members to attend branch functions. This requires direction from headquarters
- o Is a winter walk in December or January worth pursuing? ANSWER: Your input. Completely up to the walking group to decide.
- o Consider Tynhead

Convenor: Christine Sereda

Guest Speaker Committee: Darryl Walker, Judy Gill, Margaret Mubanda, Benita Antonio

- o November 18 – Clean exercise
- o December 9 – seasonal meeting; second Monday in December not third one
- o January 20 – tbd
- o Spring speaker suggestion – Angelika Hedley re: planting bulbs

COSCO: Renee Poley, Margaret Mubanda – no report

5. Motion to accept all reports: M/S/C

6. Old Business: none

7. New Business:

- Branch elections - November 18
- 2025 meeting dates, all Mondays
 - Jan 20
 - Feb 10 – second Monday. The third Monday is family day
 - March 17
 - April 14 – second Monday. The third Monday is Easter
 - May 12 – second Monday. The third Monday is Victoria Day
 - June 16

Sep 15
Oct 20
Nov 17
Dec 8 – second Monday to avoid being too close to Christmas

- 8. Registration:** Janice Leonard
Total: 42 members and 3 guests
- 9. Draws:** Janice Leonard
- 10.**
- 11. Member Donation:** \$40.00
- 12. Adjournment:** M 3:22 pm
- 13. Next Meetings:** November 18, 2024, December 9, 2024.